

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-26: cancelled.

27. (Currently amended) A method for notifying a user that the user may monitor a forwarded first call that was initially an incoming call to the user from a caller party and was thereafter forwarded to a remote service system, the method comprising:

 determining with a system independent of a serving switch a redirecting number from which the incoming call was forwarded;

 initiating a second call to the user;

 establishing a one-way voice path connecting the forwarded call to the second call; and

 notifying the user that the user may monitor the forwarded call.

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Previously presented) The method of claim 27 wherein notifying the user comprising sending a distinct ring from the serving switch to the user.

30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 27 wherein the voice path is established using a bridging circuitry.

31. (Previously presented) The method of claim 27 wherein the voice path is established using digital signaling processing.

32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 27 wherein the voice path is established using packet voice transmission and processing.

33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 27 further comprising: providing a two-way voice path between the user and the caller; and detaching the remote service from the forwarded call.

34. (Previously presented) The method of claim 33 wherein the two-way voice path is provided after the user elects to override the forwarded call.

35. (Previously presented) The method of claim 34 wherein the user elects to override the forwarded call by pressing a telephone key.

36. (Previously presented) The method of claim 34 wherein the user elects to override the forwarded call speaking into the telephone handset.

37. (Previously presented) The method of claim 27 wherein the bridge and control component is incorporated with the remote service system.

38. (Previously presented) The method of claim 27 wherein the bridge and control component is established independent of the remote service system.

39. (Previously presented) The method of claim 27 wherein the system independent of the serving switch comprises a bridge and control component.

40. (Previously presented) A system that notifies and allows a user to monitor a forwarded first call that was initially an incoming call to the user from a caller and was thereafter forwarded to a remote service system, the system comprising:

a system independent of a serving switch to determine a redirecting number from which the incoming call was forwarded and initiate a second call to the user and notify the user that the user may monitor the forwarded call, wherein the bridge and control subsystem or component establishes a one-way voice path connecting the forwarded call to the second call.

41. (Cancelled)

42. (Previously presented) The system of claim 40 wherein the system independent of the serving switch comprises a bridge and control component.

43. (Previously presented) The system of claim 42 wherein the bridge and control component directs the serving switch to send a distinct ring from the to the user to notify the user that the user may monitor the forwarded call.

44. (Previously presented) The system of claim 42 wherein the bridge and control component directs the serving switch to provide a two-way voice path between the user and the caller and to detach the remote service from the forwarded call.

45. (Previously presented) The system of claim 44 wherein the two-way voice path is provided after the user elects to override the forwarded call.

46. (Previously presented) The system of claim 42 wherein the bridge and control component is incorporated with the remote service system.

47. (Previously presented) The system of claim 42 wherein the bridge and control component is established independent of the remote service system.

48. (Previously presented) The system of claim 40 wherein the voice path is established using a bridging circuitry.

49. (Previously presented) The system of claim 40 wherein the voice path is established using digital signaling processing.

50. (Previously presented) The system of claim 40 wherein the voice path is established using packet voice transmission and processing.

51. (Previously presented) The system of claim 50 wherein the user elects to override the forwarded call by pressing a telephone key.

52. (Previously presented) The system of claim 50 wherein the user elects to override the forwarded call speaking into the telephone handset.